

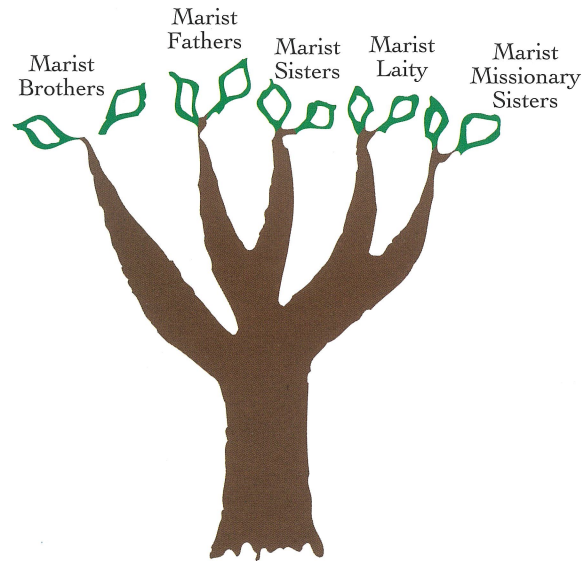


Let them always bear in mind
that they belong
by gracious choice
to the family of blessed Mary,
Mother of God,
from whose name
they are called Marists,
and whom they have chosen
as their model
and as their
first and perpetual superior . . .

They must think as Mary,
judge as Mary,
feel and act as Mary in all things . . .

CONSTITUTIONS OF THE SOCIETY OF MARY

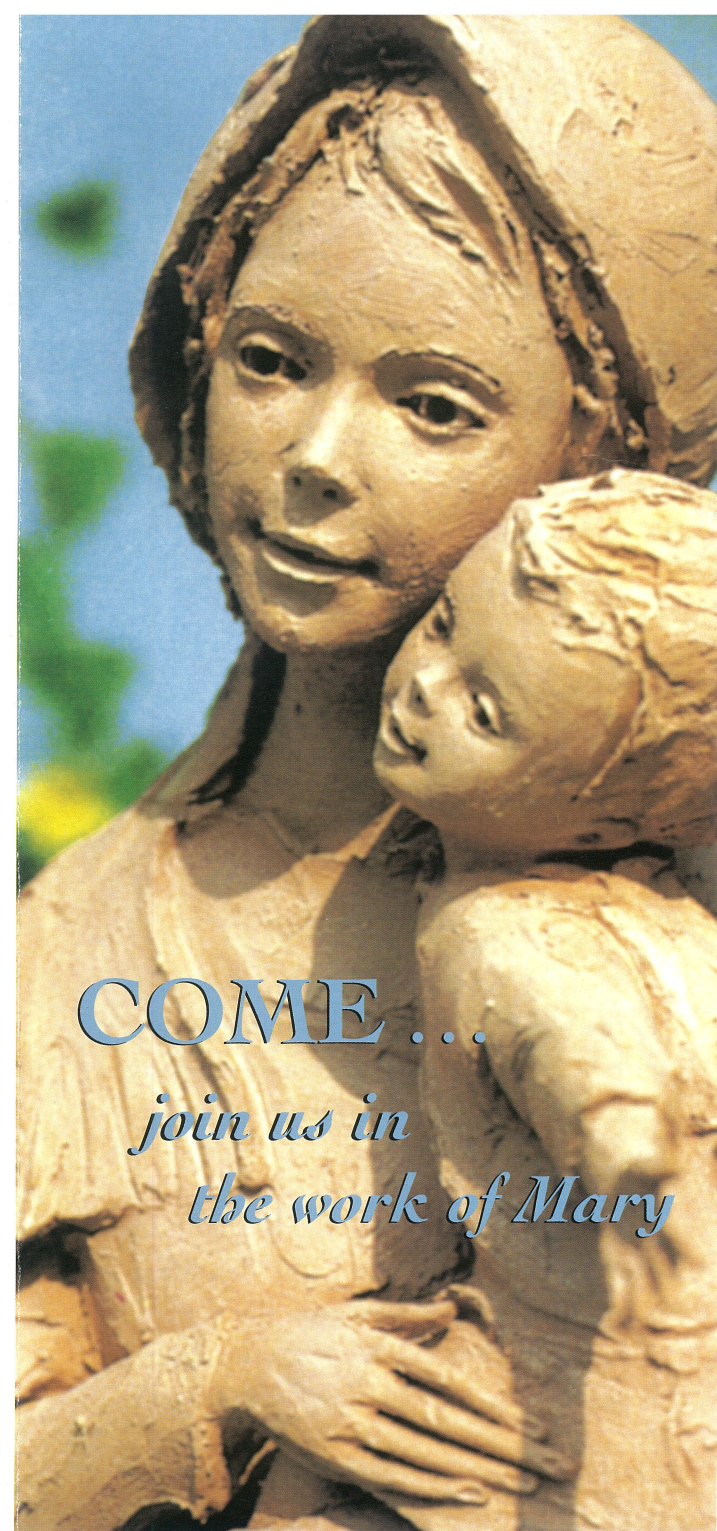
*Is being Marist
part of God's plan
for your life?*



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COME . . .

*join us in
the work of Mary*

THE MARIST LAITY



the work of Mary ...

PRAY AND ACT
with the spirit of Mary

LIVE THE GOSPEL
as Mary lived it

BE AN INSTRUMENT
of divine mercy

BE MARY'S PRESENCE
in the world

*M*arists are people who are called to do the work of Mary in her name and with her spirit. We are a family of many branches — priests, brothers, sisters and lay people.

Mary was a lay woman who brought Jesus Christ to the world, lived a hidden life in Nazareth and was present at the birth of the Church. We believe Mary wants to be present to the Church now — through us.

Marists believe Mary graciously chooses individuals to join her family and to do her work and to live by her spirit.



the spirit of Mary ...

*M*ary's life was one of prayer and action. God's will was her first concern; God's interests were her only interests. Mary was the first disciple of Jesus.

Now, she is a compassionate and merciful mother to us all. She is all embracing; no one is excluded from her motherly love.

Mary fulfills her mission of bringing Jesus to us by teaching us to live a simple life of service, hidden and unknown, a life of humility, poverty, self-denial and ardent love of neighbor.

Those who receive the spirit of Mary also are sent on a mission to bring Jesus to others.

Since Vatican II there has been a rediscovery of the role of the laity as evangelizers. Lay people have a unique opportunity to evangelize the family, the neighborhood and the workplace.

Lay Marists evangelize by bringing a Marian presence to the Church and to the world, by making the whole world Marist.



the whole world Marist ...

*E*vangeling the whole world is an immense task. It calls for the involvement and gifts of all.

The Marist Founder, Father Jean-Claude Colin, taught that lay people are called to partnership in mission with priests and religious. Marist Laity, as individuals and as groups, have often worked with Marist priests, brothers and sisters in bringing the Gospel to the world.

Marist Lay groups take on a diversity of structures, works, traditions and names, depending on circumstances and interests. The groups are called The Marist Laity, The Marist Way or the Third Order of Mary.

Taking on the mind and heart of Mary is quite a challenge. How do we begin?

We can pray, work and study with others who are answering the call to serve as Marists. We can read and ponder Scripture and Marist literature. We may even start a new group.

*The place to be Marist is where we are;
the time is now.*